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REMARKS

The Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 104-109 are allowed.

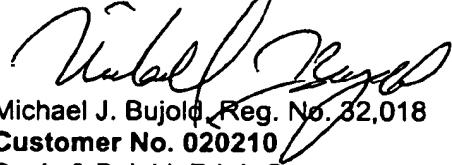
Claims 90-93, 96, 97 and 101-103 are rejected, under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), as being anticipated by Verderber '611 for the reasons set forth in the last office action; claims 94 and 99 are rejected, under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as being unpatentable over Verderber '611 for the reasons set forth in the last office action; and claim 98 is rejected, under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as being unpatentable over Verderber '611 as applied to claim 90 and further in view of Cecil '637 for the reasons set forth in the last office action. The Applicant acknowledges and respectfully traverses all of the raised anticipatory and obviousness rejections in view of the following remarks.

In view of the above claim cancellation of rejected claims 90-94, 96-99 and 101-103, the Applicant respectfully submits that further comments concerning the applied prior art of Verderber '611 and/or Cecil '637 is not believed necessary. The Applicant also notes the remaining prior art cited in the official action. As none of that additional art is applied by the Examiner against the claims of this application, the Applicant is not providing any comments concerning that art as well.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is now placed in a condition for allowance. Action to that end, in the form of an early Notice of Allowance, is courteously solicited by the Applicant at this time.

In the event that there are any fee deficiencies or additional fees are payable, please charge the same or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account (Account No. 04-0213).

Respectfully submitted,


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